

1 **Re: 2009 Capital Projects \$200,000 - \$500,000 p. D-67 - Transmission Storage**
2 **Ramps**

3 Q. a) How long have transformers at Bay D'Espoir been stored outdoors on
4 wooden structures?

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6 b) Has there ever been an instance in which a transformer and/or waste oil
7 drum was damaged in the course of snow clearing operations?

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9 c) Is NLH under any legislative or regulatory requirement to modify its
10 storage practices?

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13 A. a) An existing wooden storage platform has been in place for approximately
14 25 years. Transformers have historically been stored on that ramp since it
15 was constructed. Given the current deteriorated state of the structure, the
16 transformers are now being stored on the ground on their shipping pallets.

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18 b) There have been no recorded instances in which a transformer and/or
19 waste oil drum was damaged in the course of snow clearing operations. This
20 is due in part to the extra precaution the snow clearing operators must
21 exercise when near the storage area. The construction of the storage ramps
22 would eliminate the risk of damage completely.

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24 c) Hydro is not under any legislative or regulatory requirement to modify its
25 practices. However, under Hydro's Environmental Standard Operating
26 Procedures, any oil filled equipment must be placed on storage ramps, and
27 inspected daily for leaks. Having drums and transformers stored directly on

- 1 the ground does not allow for this and is not in compliance with internal
- 2 environmental management procedures.